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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 AND 37 CFR §1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. Enclosed for the Examiner's convenience is a copy of a Japanese Office Action in Japanese application no. 2007-539661, dated June 7, 2011, along with the cited documents (with the exception of DE-A-3634764 and FR-A-2409867 which were filed in a previous IDS on June 16, 2010). Applicants also submit herewith English language abstracts of the listed foreign documents. These materials are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97-§1.98.

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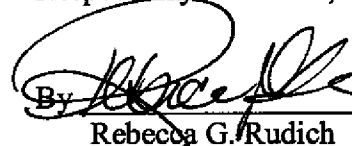
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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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